

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

*d* A second loop generally indicated at **40** is attachable to the second end of strap **30**. The second loop may be adjustable in size and may include an aperture **42** at a first end **42** and a plurality of apertures **44** along the second end thereof. Aperture **42** can be aligned with one of apertures **44**, and both can be aligned with one of the apertures **32** of strap **30**. Lock **50** can be extended through the apertures **42**, **44** and **32** to form the loop **40** of a desired size and to position it at a desired position along the length of strap **30** **32** so that both loops are positioned about surfboard **9**.

On page 6, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

*CJ* The adjustable locking strap invention provides a simple affordable and effective device for locking a surfboard. The straps used in the adjustable locking strap invention can be made from reinforced nylon, or similar material, or other material known in the art. The loops **20** and **40** can be fixed in size to pass over the end of a surfboard, but not past the widest part of the board. Alternatively, one or both of the loops **20** and **40** **30** can be adjustable. The strap **30** can be interconnected with loop **20** in any way known in the art. One preferred way would be by heavy duty permanent stitching. Generally, the strap **30** will extend for about 36 to 60 inches to the second loop **40**, though this distance can vary depending on the size of the elongate object being locked. The strap **30** can be interconnected with second loop **40** at a desired point by means of heavy duty commercial stitching. Alternatively, the interconnection of the strap **30** and loop **40** can be adjustable along the length of strap **30** by interconnecting loop **40** with one of apertures **32** along strap **30** at a desired position as shown in the Figures. Lock **50** can be a

CJ standard padlock or combination lock. The window stopper can be affixed on the tether strap 60 or can include an aperture and ride on tether 60. Preferably, the stopper is made of rubber or other non-malleable material as is known in the art. The pouch 68 can be formed of nylon or any other desired material and can use a zipper means or hook and pile type fastening means for closure thereof if desired. Importantly, the tether strap 60 could be part of loop 40, strap 30 or could be a separate element connectable to strap 30 and loop 40 by means of lock 50 passing through an aperture thereof.

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